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Francis Gardner, Esq.

Dear Sir - My son Frank informs me that, henceforth, the boys connected with the first and second classes in the Latin School are to be subjected to military drill at Boylston Hall from time to time, as a part of their ^{educational} ~~military~~ training. I trust the drill is not to be an arbitrary enforcement; but, doubtless, it will meet with general acceptance, and, therefore, exceptional cases may the more readily be allowed. In relation to my son, I very respectfully request and earnestly desire that he may be excused from participating in the drill aforesaid; and this I do on the ground of conscientious scruples on my part, as well as in accordance with his own wishes.

Yours, with high esteem,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

